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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Sir:

This is in response to the Interview Summary dated February 16, 2010.

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REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the courtesies extended to Applicants' representative during a telephonic interview on February 4, 2010. Applicant submits that the following remarks constitute the entire substance of the interview.

During the interview, Applicant's representative presented Applicant's interpretation of U.S. Patent No. 6,401,150 (Reilly) and U.S. Patent No. 6,503,147 (Stockdale). As understood by Applicant's representative, Reilly discloses a centralized queue for network printing, in which clients of a network printer can make job requests and enter a spot in a job queue without transmitting actual print job data to the network. (See Reilly, Abstract.)

During the interview, Applicant's representative submitted that Reilly fails to disclose notifying by the gaming machine printer the game controller coupled to the second communication port when an external device is coupled to a first communication port. In fact, the mechanism relied upon by the Office Action is a mechanism that is only invoked after a host has already disconnected with the network printer and cannot possibly be used to notify a game controller by a gaming machine printer that has determined that an external device is connected to another communication port. In the present invention, the notification is sent by the gaming machine printer when the gaming machine printer establishes communication with the external device.

In addition, the Office Action cites to Reilly as disclosing "disconnecting by the gaming machine printer communications from the game controller." In particular, the Office Action cites Reilly as disclosing a "close call" in a socket package used to close a connection to a host. (See Reilly, column 5, lines 26 to 49). While a "close call" may be used to close a socket connection, Reilly fails to disclose or suggest that the "close call" is used by a gaming machine

printer to disconnect from a game controller when an external device is coupled to a first communication port. That is, there is no linkage in Reilly between closing a socket in order to communicate with another host.

Finally, Reilly discloses at column 6, lines 25 to 55 a Client Server Connection Protocol (CSCP) layer in a network printer. This layer includes a service provided by a network printer for a host to reconnect with the network printer. Once reconnecting is completed by the host, the remote printer provides services for remote queuing, requesting job data and sending asynchronous status updates. Firstly, Applicant's representative submitted that nothing in the services provided by the network printer remotely resemble reporting the communication session to the game controller when a communication session is completed as featured in the claims. Applicant's representative further submitted that "remote queuing" is a service that allows a host to submit a print job for queuing at the network printer, "requesting job data" is a service by which the network printer requests print data from the host and "asynchronous status updates" is understood to be a status update of the printer queue. None of these services is related to notifying a game controller that a gaming machine printer has completed a communication session with an external device.

In regard to Stockdale, Applicant's representative understands that Stockdale is generally directed to a gaming machine including a plurality of gaming peripherals. (See Stockdale, Abstract). Therefore, nothing in Stockdale is seen to disclose that which is missing from Reilly.

During the interview, no agreement was reached regarding the claims.

CONCLUSION

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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